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## RESOLUTIONS

**SR 49 (Patterson)**

**SCR 16 (THOMAS)**

Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture to provide assistance in the effort to deal with the infestation of the emerald ash borer.

[“With alarming swiftness, the emerald ash borer, an aggressive Asian insect, is threatening virtually all of the ash trees in this state and region. In spite of a quarantine in 6 southeastern Michigan counties, this beetle has killed 5 million of the 28 million ash trees in the quarantined area. Overall, the emerald ash borer, which is causing similar devastation in Ontario and Ohio, threatens as many as a billion trees in our state.”]

- SR 49 was adopted [no RC].
- SCR 16 was adopted [no RC].

**SR 17 (Van Woerkom)**

**SCR 14 (Patterson)**

Resolutions memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to pursue and support fuel cell research projects in Michigan.

[“Through the resources of the automotive industry, smaller companies across our state, and university research being conducted at numerous locales, the drive to develop the fuel cell as the next generation energy source has been in high gear in Michigan for many years. The human and technological resources Michigan has as the home of the auto industry indicates both our state’s capacity for fuel cell research and its stake in advancing the next generation of energy. Michigan’s efforts include innovative approaches to virtually all aspects of the infrastructure necessary to develop fuel cells, including work on the storage and transportation of hydrogen.”]

- SR 17 was adopted [no RC].
- SCR 14 was adopted [no RC].

## STATEMENTS

Sen. Bernero continued his call for the state of Michigan to better serve and treat those with mental illnesses. The Senator praised the bipartisan support for his bill (SB 52) to create a Mental Health ombudsman to help investigate and report on state efforts to serve the mentally ill.